

Table 1. The Berea sandstone core properties

| Core #                   | D, cm | L, cm | K <sub>g</sub> , md | φ, %   | S <sub>wi</sub> , % | μ <sub>o</sub> , cp | Wetness                    |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Soltrol 220, no aging    |       |       |                     |        |                     |                     |                            |
| Ev8h8b                   | 3.764 | 7.91  | 73.9                | 0.1615 | 22.6                | 3.8                 | VSWW                       |
| Ev8h9a                   | 3.739 | 8.057 | 82.9                | 0.1601 | 20.9                | 3.8                 | VSWW                       |
| Ev8h9b                   | 3.742 | 7.922 | 76.7                | 0.1588 | 24.6                | 3.8                 | VSWW                       |
| Ev8h10a                  | 3.761 | 8.047 | 76.7                | 0.1636 | 22.7                | 3.8                 | VSWW                       |
| Ev8h10b                  | 3.764 | 7.83  | 70.1                | 0.1627 | 22.5                | 3.8                 | VSWW                       |
| Ev8h17a                  | 3.763 | 8.245 | 77.4                | 0.1734 | 22.59               | 3.8                 | VSWW                       |
| Ev8h18a                  | 3.753 | 7.894 | 95.8                | 0.1746 | 23.02               | 3.8                 | VSWW                       |
| Minnelusa 2002 crude oil |       |       |                     |        |                     |                     |                            |
| Ev8h1a                   | 7.864 | 3.786 | 101.5               | 0.1760 | 23.9                | 68.0                | MXW, 10d aging             |
| Ev8h2b                   | 7.538 | 3.765 | 71.7                | 0.1652 | 23.7                | 68.0                | MXW, 10d aging             |
| Ev8h3a                   | 3.764 | 7.963 | 70.1                | 0.1678 | 24.3                | 1.5                 | MXW-F (Dakota), 10d aging  |
| Ev8h4a                   | 3.764 | 8.06  | 65.1                | 0.1636 | 24.3                | 68.0                | MXW, 10d aging             |
| Ev8h4b                   | 7.680 | 3.767 | 66.6                | 0.1628 | 24.6                | 68.0                | MXW, 1d aging              |
| Ev8h5a                   | 8.242 | 3.764 | 68.2                | 0.1649 | 24.6                | 68.0                | MXW, no aging              |
| Ev8h5b                   | 3.766 | 7.754 | 74.6                | 0.1664 | 24.4                | 3.8                 | MXW-F (S220), no aging     |
| Ev8h6b                   | 7.736 | 3.764 | 67.6                | 0.1605 | 22.0                | 68.0                | MXW, 10d aging             |
| Ev8h7b                   | 3.765 | 7.67  | 72.4                | 0.1603 | 22.5                | 1.5                 | MXW-F (Dakota), no aging   |
| Ev8h11b                  | 3.758 | 7.791 | 120                 | 0.1743 | 22.8                | 1.5                 | MXW (Dakota), no aging     |
| Ev8h13a                  | 3.758 | 8.105 | 126.2               | 0.1754 | 23.2                | 68.0                | MXW, no aging              |
| Ev8h16a                  | 8.280 | 3.759 | 114.0               | 0.1778 | 22.1                | 68.0                | MXW, 10d aging             |
| Ev8h16b                  | 3.76  | 7.921 | 117.2               | 0.1774 | 21.3                | 68.0                | MXW, 10d aging             |
| Ev8h29a                  | 3.75  | 8.262 | 133.1               | 0.1749 | 18.8                | 68.0                | MXW, 4d aging, 45°C        |
| Ev7v1b                   | 7.644 | 3.788 | 58.2                | 0.1748 | 23.3                | 68.0                | MXW, 10d aging             |
| Ev1v1d                   | 3.777 | 7.581 | 46.2                | 0.1703 | 22.0                | 68.0                | MXW, 10d aging             |
| Ev5h1c                   | 3.787 | 7.634 | 113                 | 0.182  | 23.9                | 68.0                | MXW, 10d aging             |
| Tensleep 95 crude oil    |       |       |                     |        |                     |                     |                            |
| Ev8h13b                  | 3.758 | 7.835 | 119.3               | 0.1731 | 21.3                | 19.2                | MXW, 10d aging             |
| Ev8h14a                  | 3.759 | 8.076 | 109.6               | 0.1717 | 22.6                | 19.2                | MXW, no aging              |
| Ev8h14b                  | 3.76  | 7.839 | 106.2               | 0.1708 | 22.0                | 1.5                 | MXW-F (Dakota), no aging   |
| Ev8h15a                  | 3.757 | 8.228 | 111.1               | 0.1778 | 22.2                | 1.5                 | MXW-F (Dakota), no aging   |
| Ev8h15b                  | 3.759 | 7.974 | 114.4               | 0.1776 | 22.7                | 19.2                | MXW, no aging              |
| Ev8h21b                  | 3.758 | 7.686 | 87.6                | 0.174  | 22.6                | 33.9                | MXW-F (frontier), no aging |
| Big Sand Draw crude oil  |       |       |                     |        |                     |                     |                            |
| Ev8h19a                  | 3.756 | 7.866 | 70.9                | 0.1698 | 23.1                | 3.8                 | MXW-F (S220), no aging     |
| Ev8h21a                  | 3.758 | 7.832 | 84.8                | 0.1724 | 23.3                | 7.0                 | MXW, no aging              |
| Ev8h27b                  | 3.750 | 7.758 | 119.7               | 0.1741 | 23.6                | 7.0                 | MXW, no aging              |
| Ev8h28b                  | 3.750 | 8.056 | 121.2               | 0.1794 | 22.3                | 7.0                 | MXW, 10d aging             |
| Ev8h30a                  | 3.748 | 7.597 | 86.8                | 0.1705 | <24.7               | 7.0                 | MXW, 2d aging              |
| Ev8h30b                  | 3.752 | 7.153 | 86                  | 0.1717 | <26.3               | 7.0                 | MXW, 2d aging              |

Table 2. The Limestone core properties

| Core #                        | D, cm | L, cm | K <sub>g</sub> , md | φ, %   | S <sub>wt</sub> , % | μ <sub>o</sub> , cp | Wetness  |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| Oil recovery (Cottonwood oil) |       |       |                     |        |                     |                     |  |
| 1TC15a                        | 3.724 | 7.477 | 19.1                | 0.2696 | 24.3                | 24.1                | MXW, 10d aging   |
| T2Tc11a                       | 3.729 | 7.320 | 14.7                | 0.2767 | 18.59               | 24.1                | MXW, 10d aging   |
| T2Tc21a                       | 3.698 | 7.797 | 7.1                 | 0.2300 | 22.12               | 24.1                | MXW, 10d aging   |
| Gas flooding                  |       |       |                     |        |                     |                     |  |
| 1TC8b                         | 3.734 | 6.59  | 3.7                 | 18.0   | 100                 |                     | VSWW   |
| 1TC20b                        | 3.749 | 7.452 | 6.1                 | 21.6   | 100                 |                     | VSWW   |
| 1TC24b                        | 3.753 | 7.593 | 3.6                 | 18.0   | 100                 |                     | VSWW   |
| 3TC18b                        | 3.740 | 6.490 | 1.4                 | 20.2   | 21.4                |                     | VSWW   |
| 2TC4b                         | 3.788 | 6.481 | 3.4                 | 22.8   | 21.7                |                     | Tensleep/S130, 2d aging  |
| 1TC24b                        | 3.753 | 7.593 | 3.6                 | 18.0   | 27.5                |                     | BS oil (the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> cycle), 2d aging |

Table 3. Selected properties of crude and refined oils

| Oils                 |                | ρ, g/mL<br>@20°C | η, cP<br>@~22°C | IFT, mN/M<br>@20°C | Asphalt.% |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Asphaltic<br>crudes  | Minnelusa 2002 | 0.9076           | 68              | 23.4               | 9.5       |
|                      | Black Mt.      | 0.9219           | 134             |                    | 8.1       |
|                      | Tensleep 95    | 0.8692           | 19.2            | 23.3               | 3.2       |
|                      | Cottonwood     | 0.8874           | 24.1            | 28.9               | 2.3       |
|                      | Big Sand Draw  | 0.8496           | 7.0             | 21.5               | 1.6       |
| Mineral<br>oils      | S220           | 0.7869           | 3.8             | 49.5               | 0         |
|                      | S130           | 0.7605           | 1.6             | ~50                | 0         |
|                      | Pentane        |                  |                 | ~50                | 0         |
| Paraffinic<br>crudes | Dakota         | 0.7741           | 1.5             | 34.2               | 0         |
|                      | Frontier       | 0.8338           | 21.8            | 33.8               | 0         |

Table 4. Synthetic brine composition

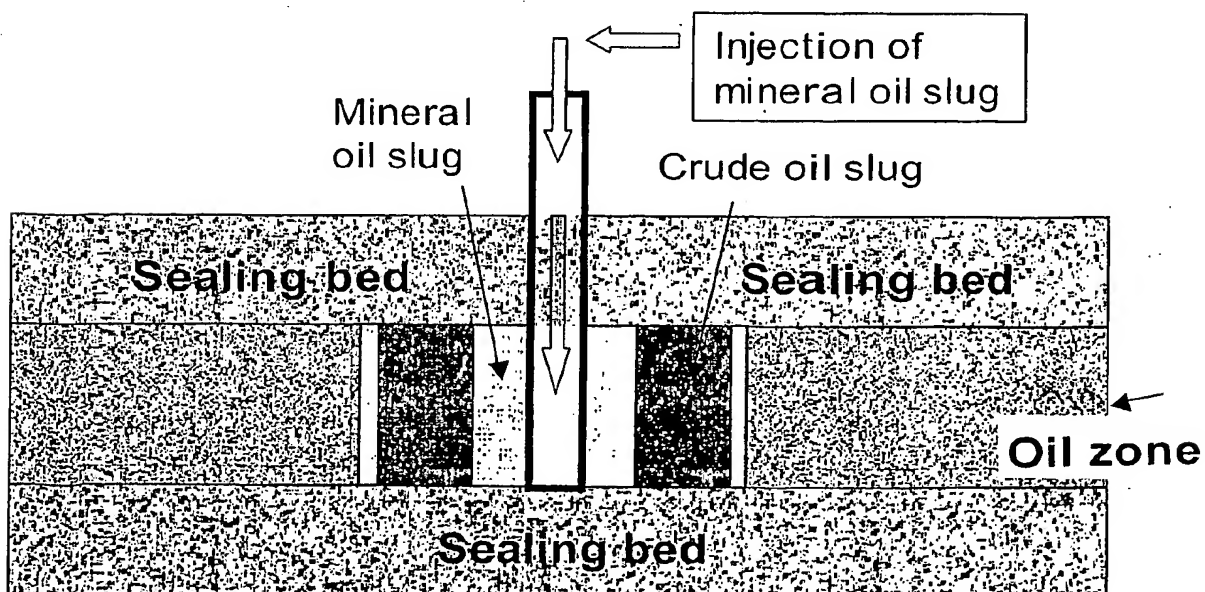
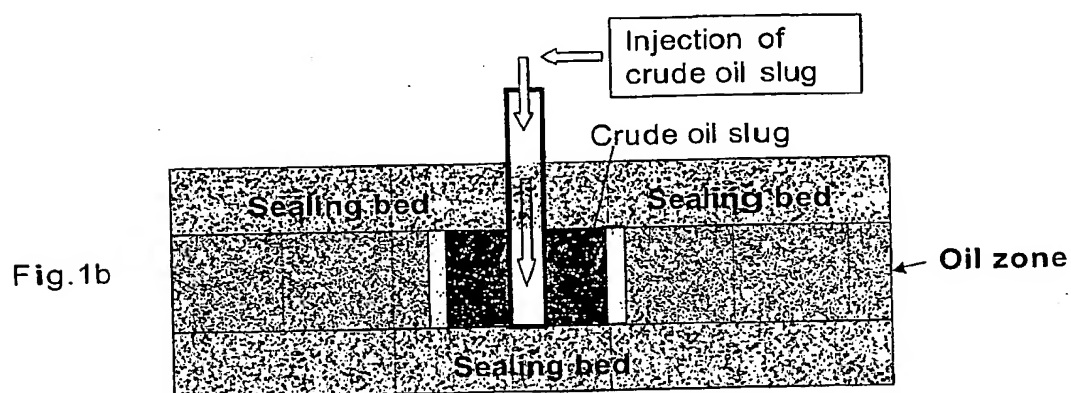
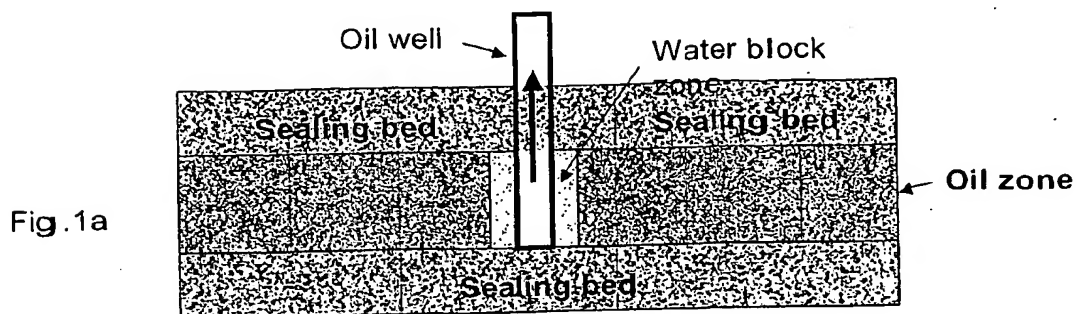
| Brine     | NaCl<br>(g/L) | KCl<br>(g/L) | CaCl <sub>2</sub><br>(g/L) | MgCl <sub>2</sub><br>(g/L) | NaN <sub>3</sub><br>(g/L) | pH  | TDS<br>(mg/L) |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Sea water | 28            | 0.935        | 2.379                      | 5.365                      | 0.1                       | 6.6 | 36779         |

Table 5 Interfacial tensions (Aqueous phase = SSW)

| Oleic phase               | IFT, mN/m | Temp., °C |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| S220                      | 49.5      | 20.0      |
| S220                      | 1.7       | 20.0      |
| S220+0.025%polyamine      | 24.3      | 20.0      |
| S220+0.2%RAP              | 0.03      | 20.0      |
| S220+0.05%RAP             | 0.55      | 20.0      |
| S220+0.025%PA+0.05%RAP    | 1.0       | 20.0      |
| S220+0.2%TDA-6            | 1.34      | 20.0      |
| S220+0.1%DA-4             | 11.7      | 20.0      |
| S220+0.1%oleic acid       | 29.8      | 20.0      |
| Minnelusa 2002 crude oil  | 23.4      | 20.0      |
| Dakota crude oil          | 34.2      | 20.0      |
| Tensleep 1995 crude oil   | 23.3      | 20.0      |
| Big SandDraw crude oil    | 21.5      | 20.0      |
| Frontier crude oil        | 33.8      | 20.0      |
| M'02 +0.025%PA            | 17.7      | 20.0      |
| M'02+0.05%RAP             | 8.6       | 20.0      |
| Dakota oil+0.025%PA       | 7.9       | 20.0      |
| Tensleep 95 +0.05%PA      | 10.5      | 20.0      |
| BS oil +0.05%PA           | 10        | 20.0      |
| BS oil + 0.1%PA           | 7.2       | 20.0      |
| BS oil + 0.1%PA           | 4.3       | 75.0      |
| Cottonwood oil +0.025% PA | 12.1      | 20.0      |
| Cottonwood oil            | 28.9      | 20.0      |

Table 6 Asphaltene precipitation

|              | Minnelusa<br>crude | Black Mountain<br>crude   | Tensleep<br>crude | Big Sand<br>Draw |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| S220 or S130 | Yes                | Yes                       | Yes               | Yes              |
| Dakota oil   | Yes                | Yes                       | Yes               | Yes              |
| Frontier oil |                    | Yes (under<br>microscope) | No                | No               |

**Fig. 1 Method 1 of treatment for oil reservoir case****Fig. 1c**

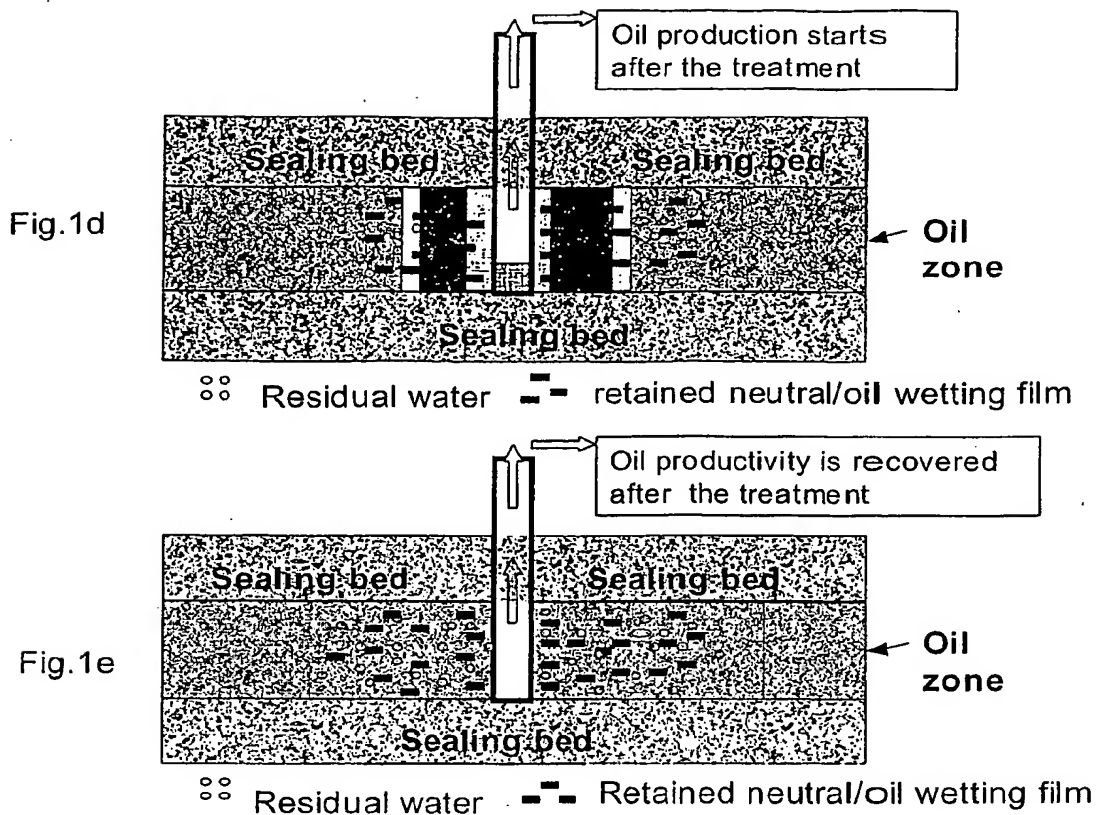
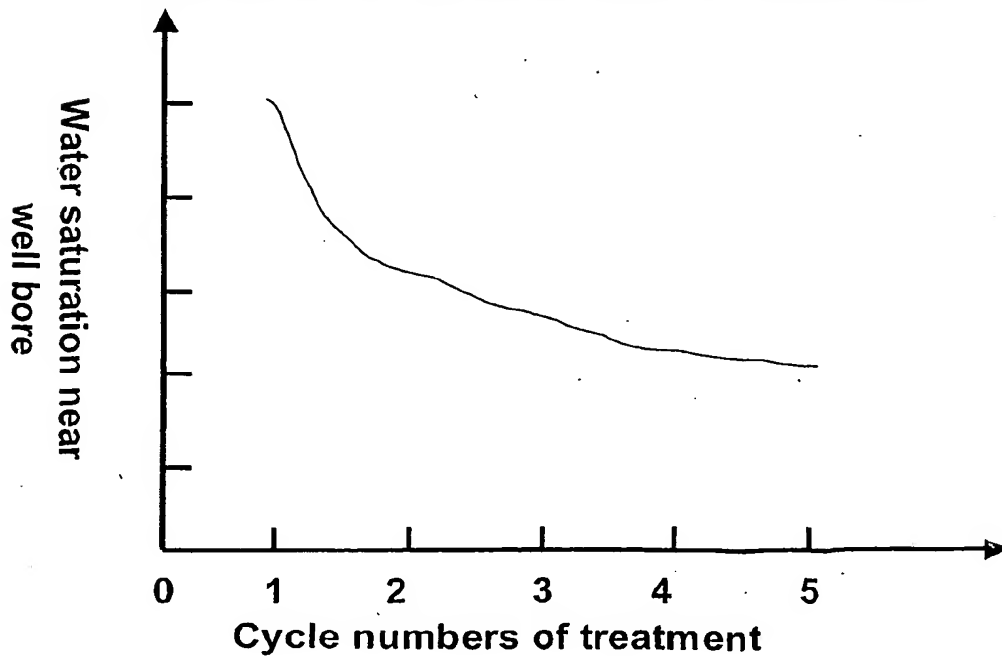
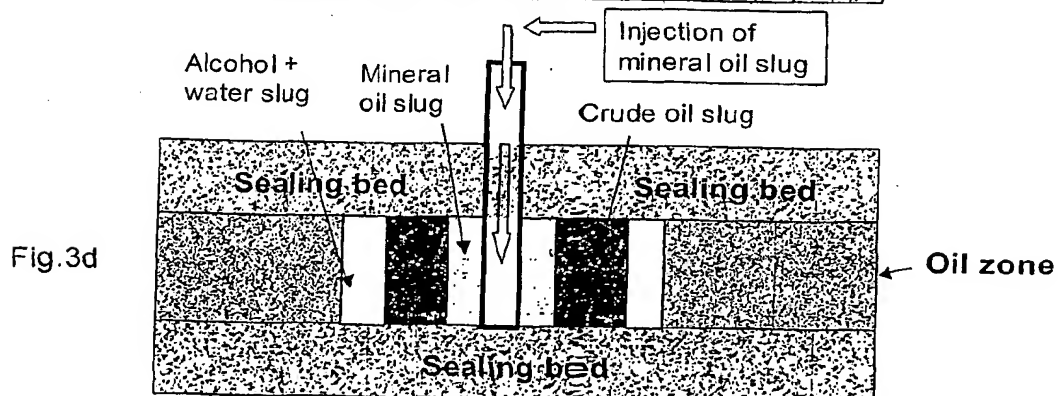
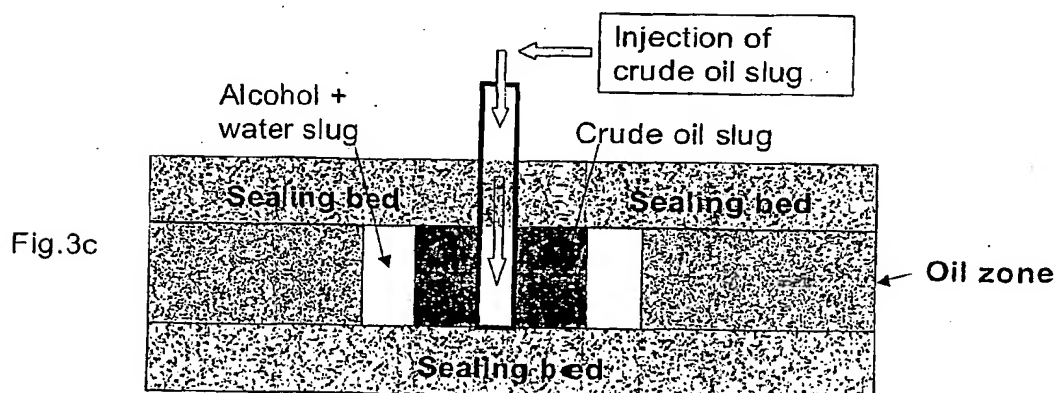
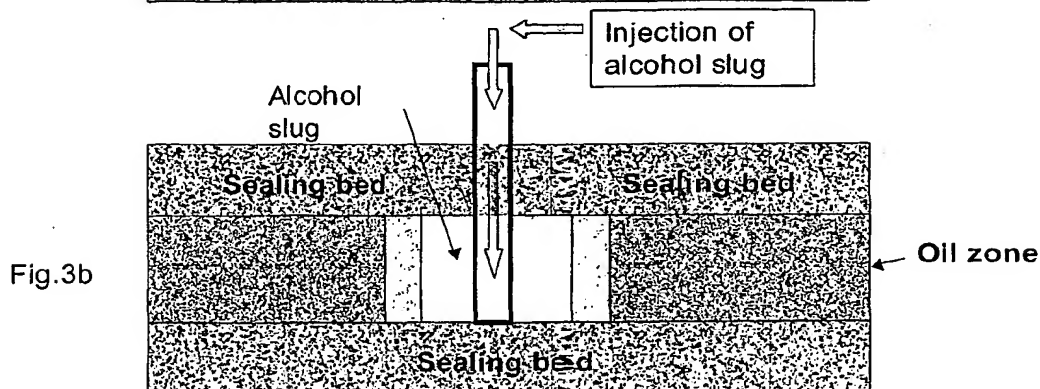
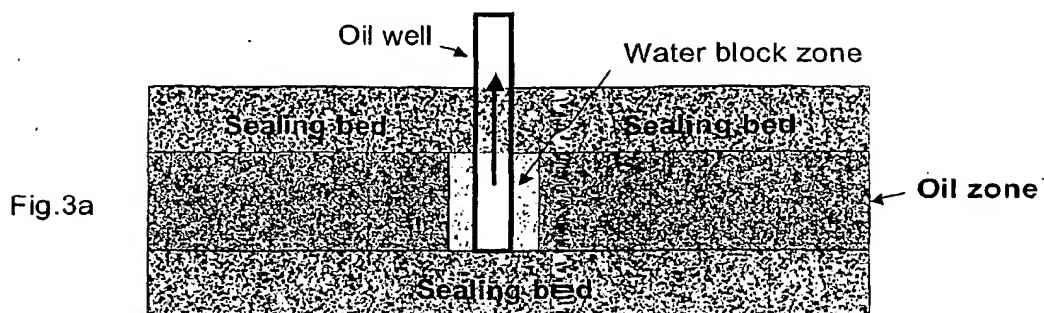


Fig. 2 The sketch of water saturation change near well bore vs. cycle numbers of treatment



**Fig. 3 Method 2 of treatment for oil reservoir case**

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Fig.3e

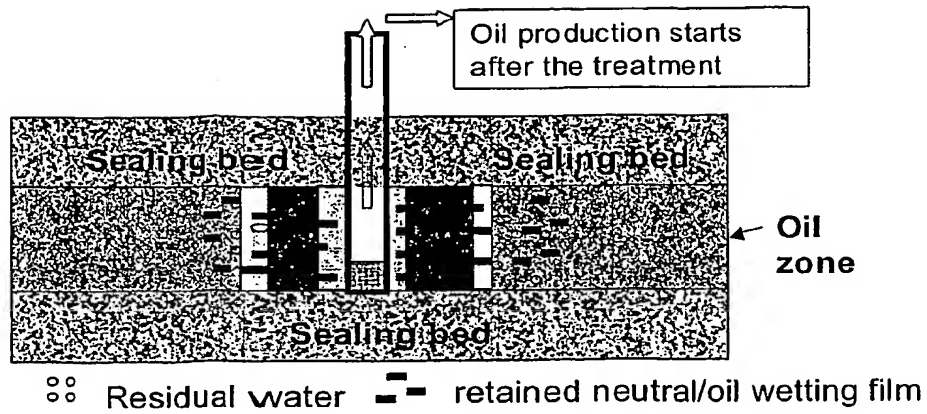


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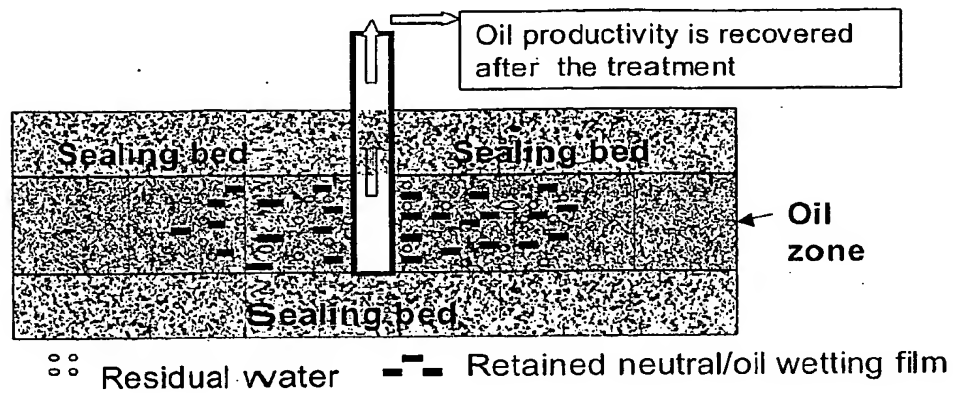


Fig. 4 Method 1 of treatment for gas or gas condensate reservoir case

Fig.4a

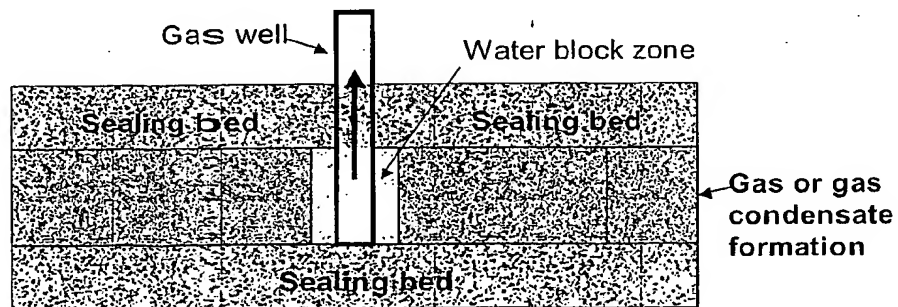
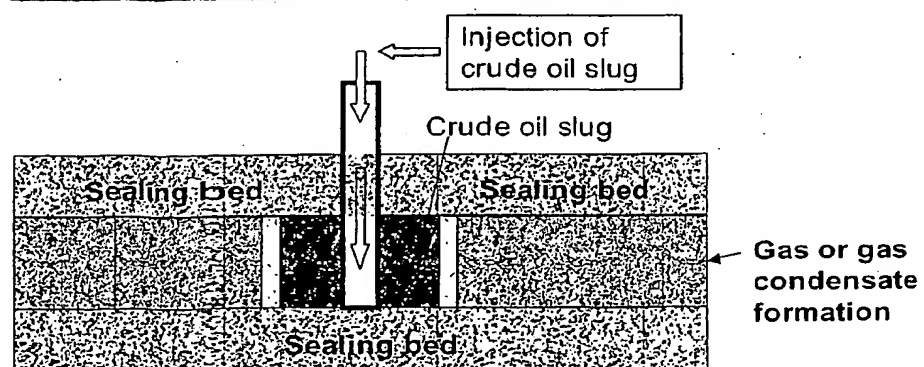


Fig.4b



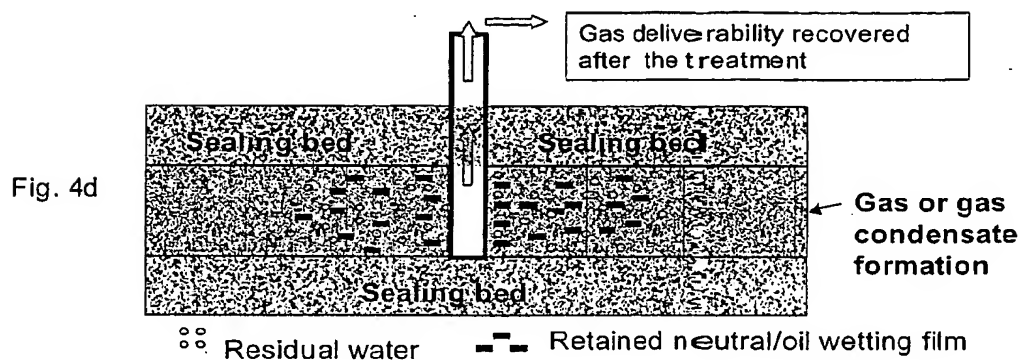
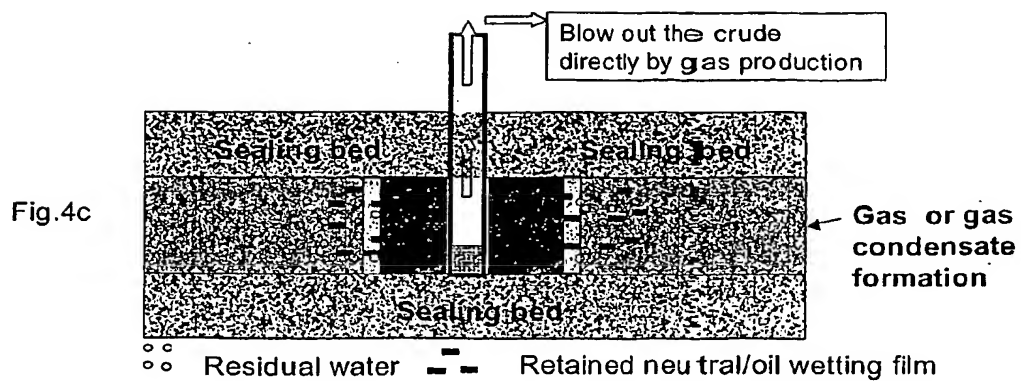
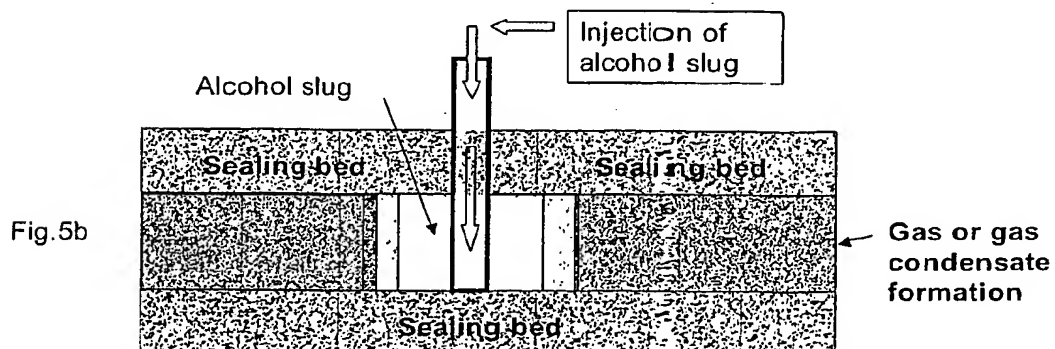
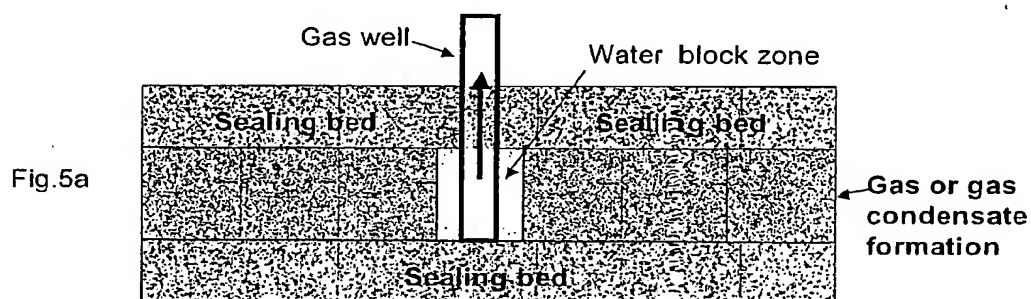


Fig. 5 Method 2 of treatment for gas or gas condensate reservoir case





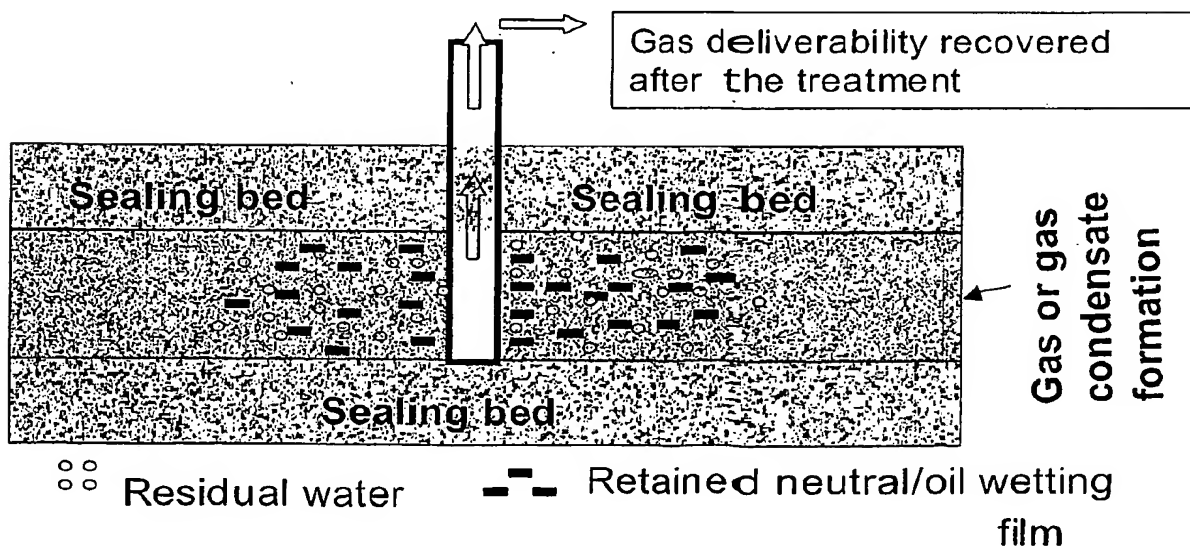
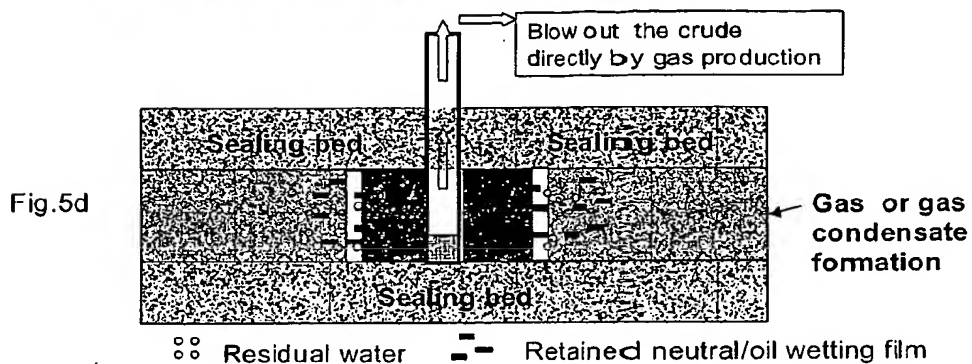
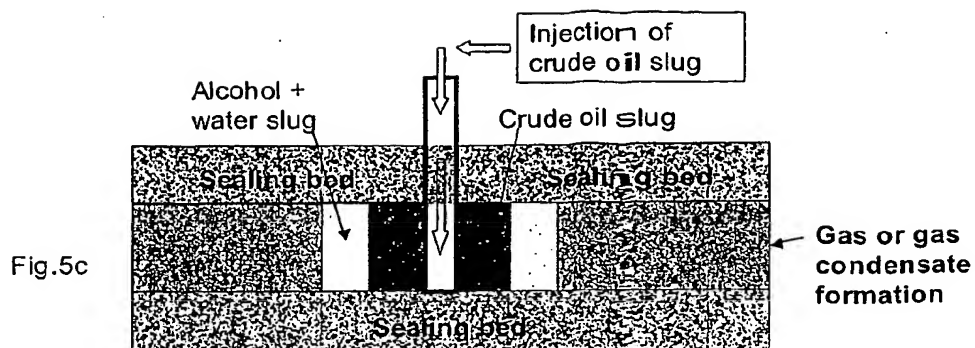
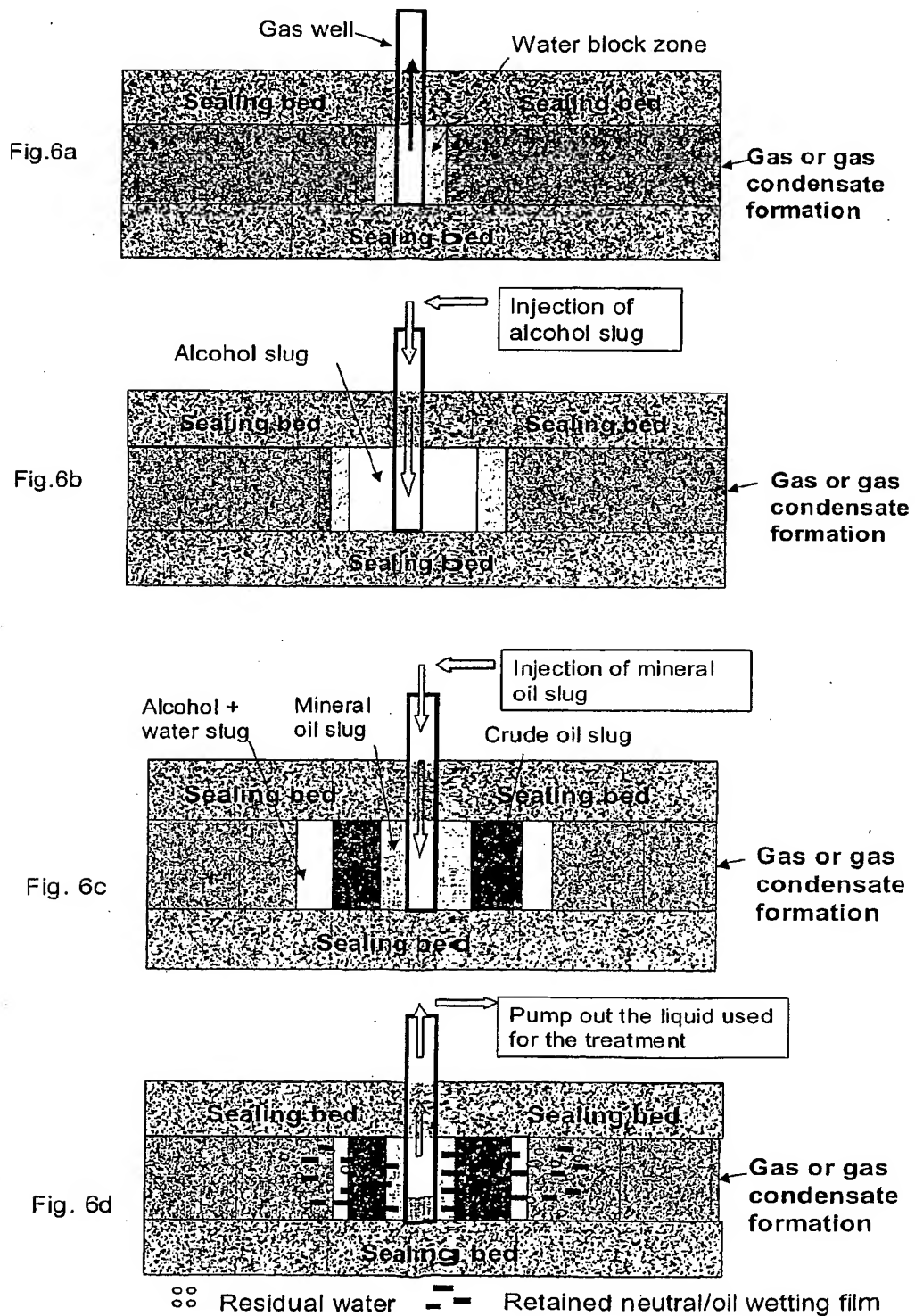


Fig. 5e

Fig. 6 Method 3 of treatment for gas or gas condensate reservoir case



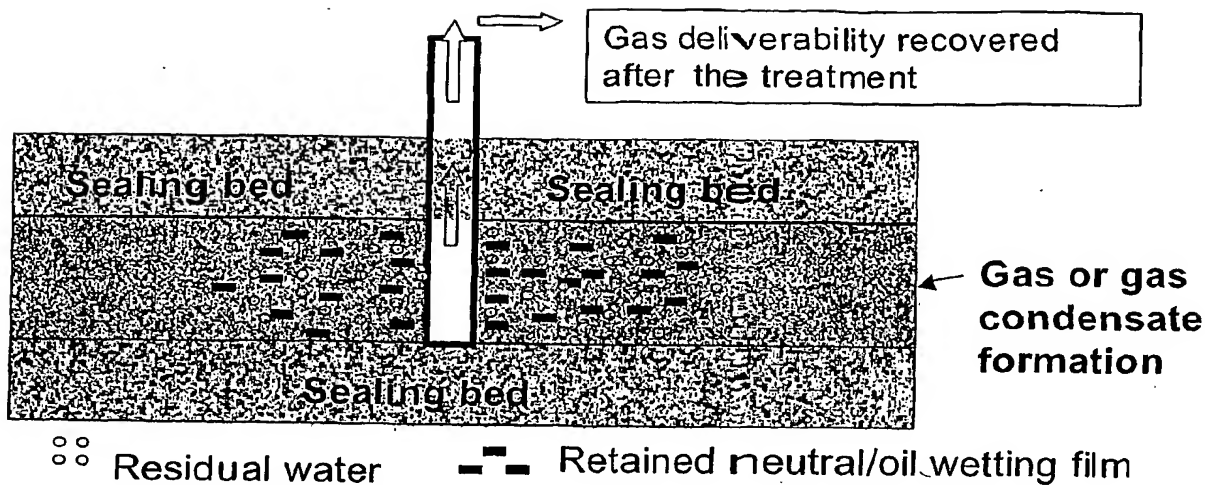


Fig. 6e

Fig. 7 Water coning case

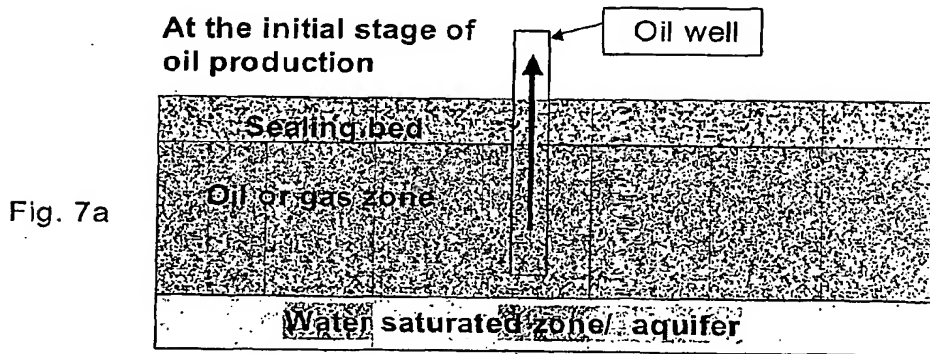


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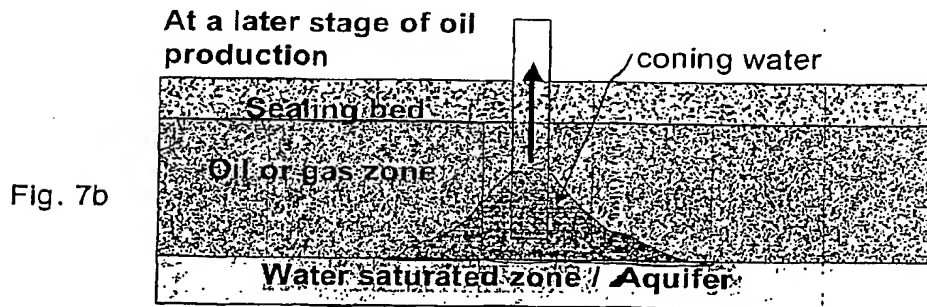
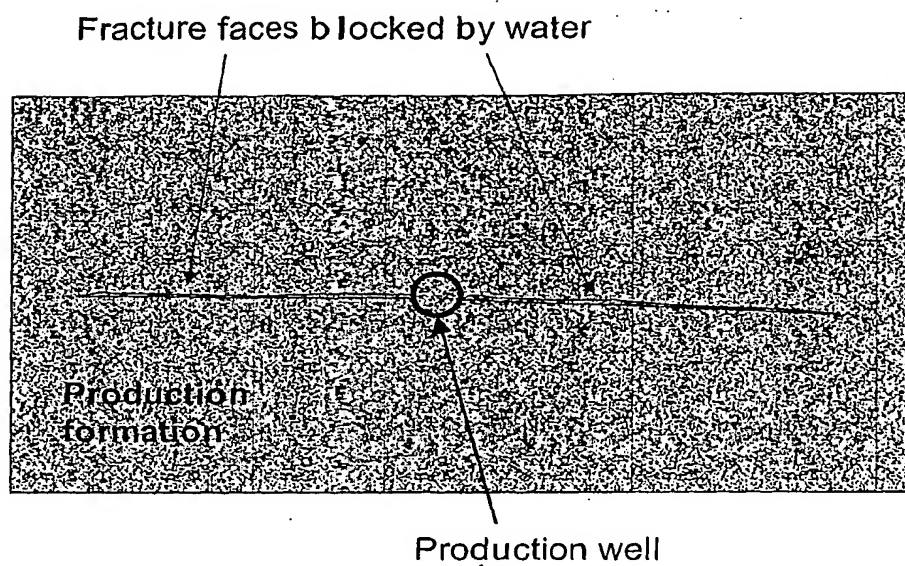
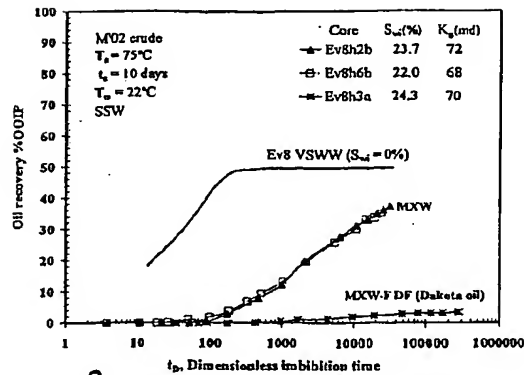


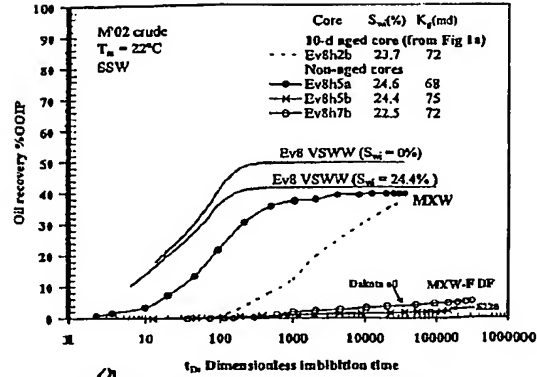
Fig. 7b

**Fig. 8 Case with hydraulic fracture wells—plane view sketch**

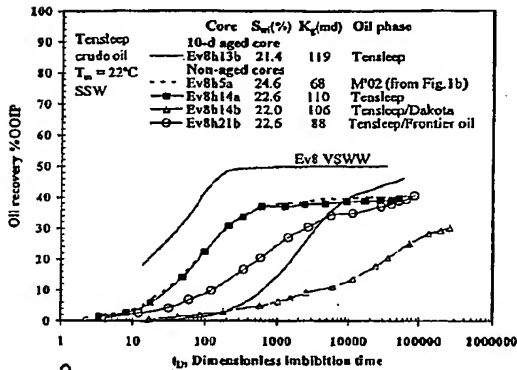




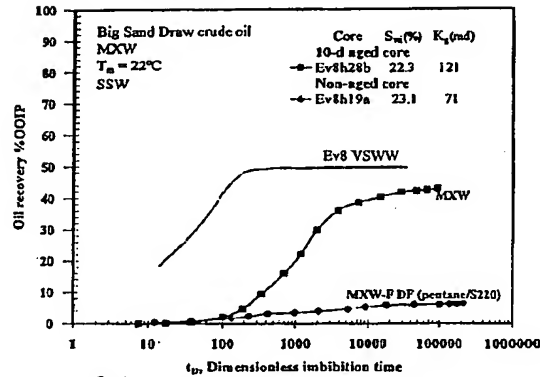
9a. Dakota oil displacing M'02 crude after 10-day aging



9b. Comparison of S220 and Dakota oil displacing M'02 crude without aging



9c. Comparison of Dakota and Frontier oil displacing Tensleep crude without aging



9d. Pentane/S220 displacing Big Sand Draw crude without aging

Fig. 9 Wettability alteration was induced by displacement of crude oil with mineral oil or paraffinic oil directly.

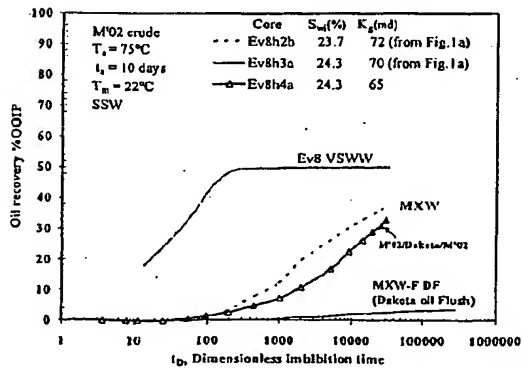


Fig. 10 Re-exposing surface-precipitated asphaltenes to fresh crude oil resulted in increased water wetness.

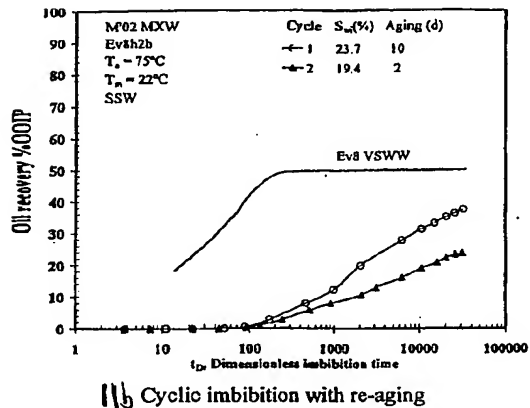
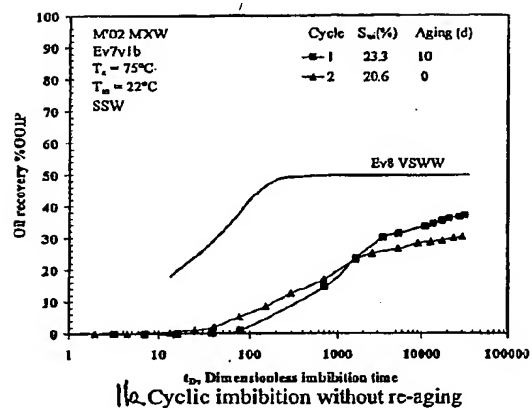


Figure 11. The effect of re-aging on wettability alteration

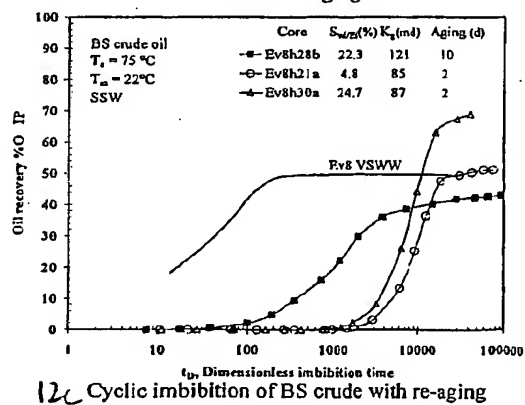
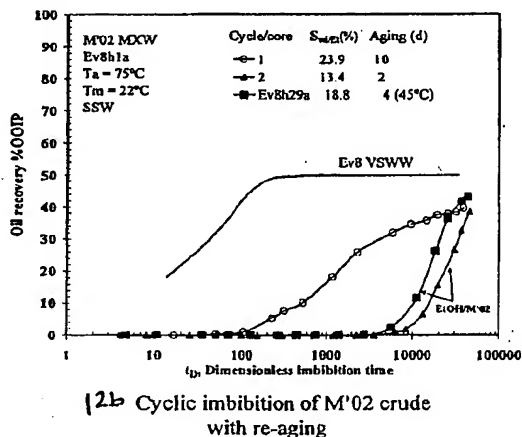
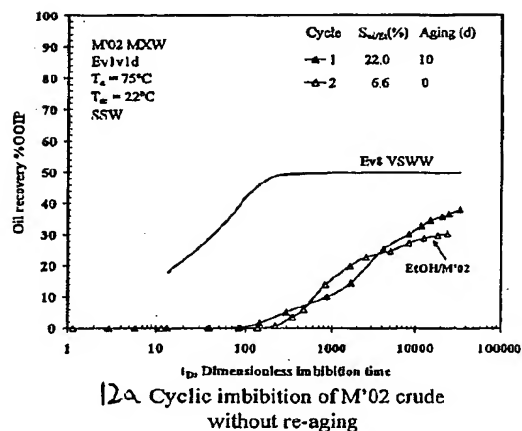
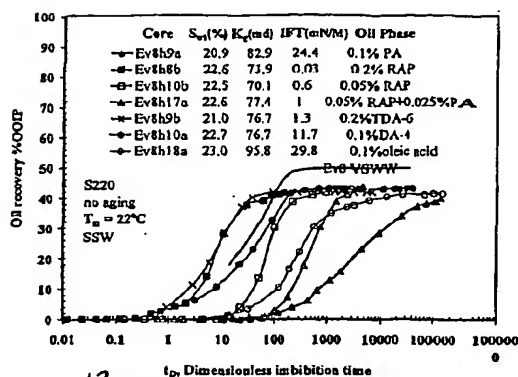
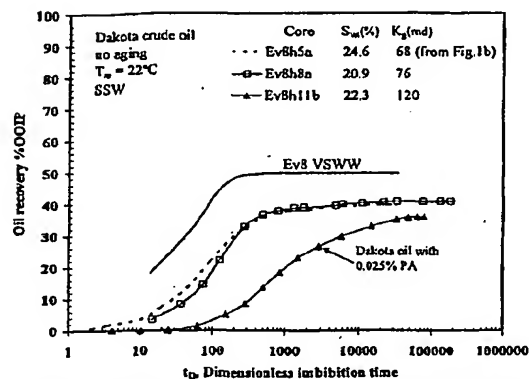


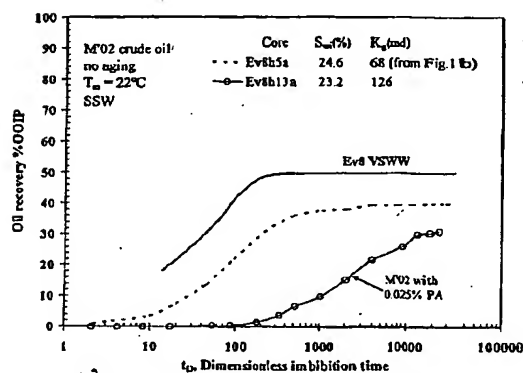
Fig 12 The effect of alcohol flush and re-aging on wettability alteration



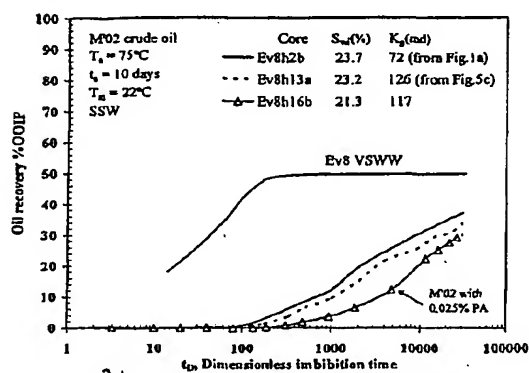
13a Screening oil-soluble surfactants



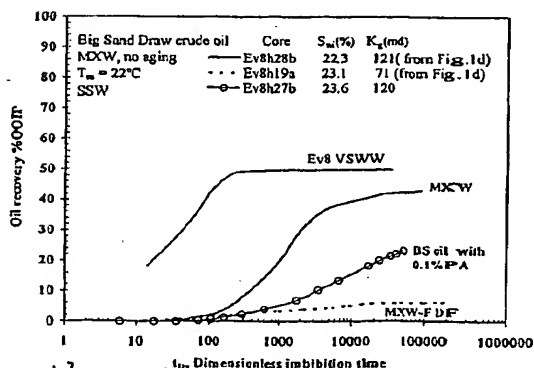
13b The effect of PA on oil recovery of Dakota oil



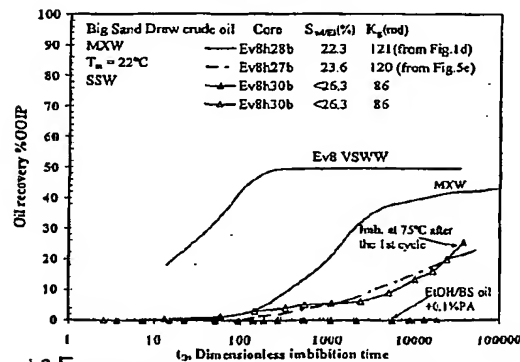
13c The effect of PA on oil recovery of M'02 without aging



13d The effect of PA on oil recovery of M'02 with aging



13e The effect of PA on oil recovery of BS oil without aging



13f The effect of alcohol flush, PA, imbibition temperature on oil recovery of BS oil without aging

FIG. 13 The effect of alcohol flush, oil-soluble surfactant and re-aging on wettability alteration for Berea sandstones

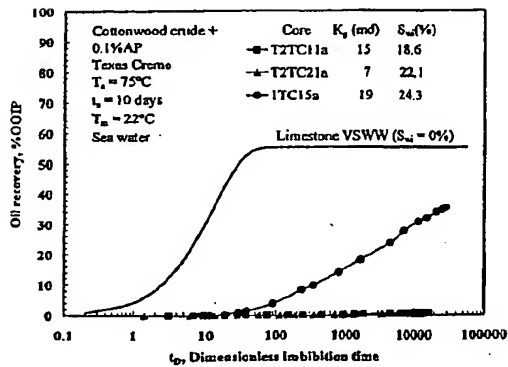
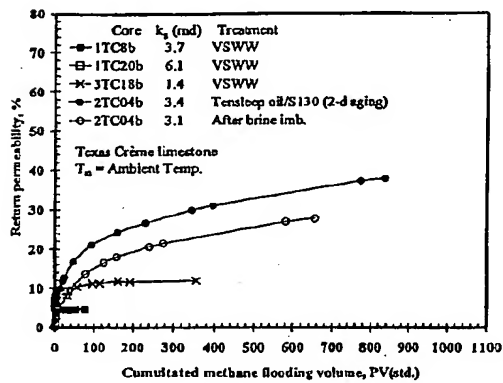
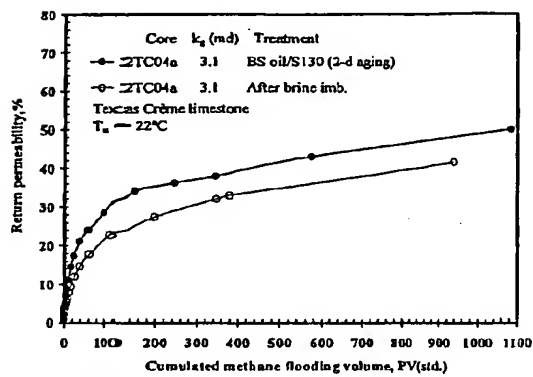


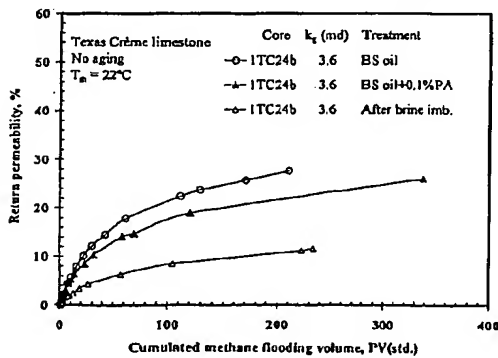
FIG. 14 The effect of Cottonwood crude oil and oil-soluble surfactant on wettability alteration for limestone



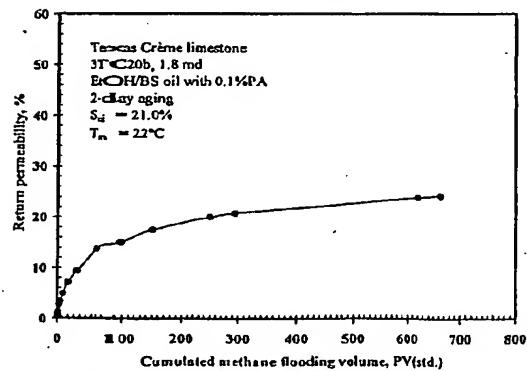
15a Comparison between VSWW and Wettability induced by Tensleep/S130 with 2-d aging



15b Wettability induced by BS oil/S130 with 2-d aging



15c Wettability altered by BS oil or BS oil+0.1%PA without aging



15d Wettability altered by alcohol flush and BS oil+0.1%PA with 2-d aging

FIG. 15 The effect of wettability alteration on gas return permeability

FIG. 15